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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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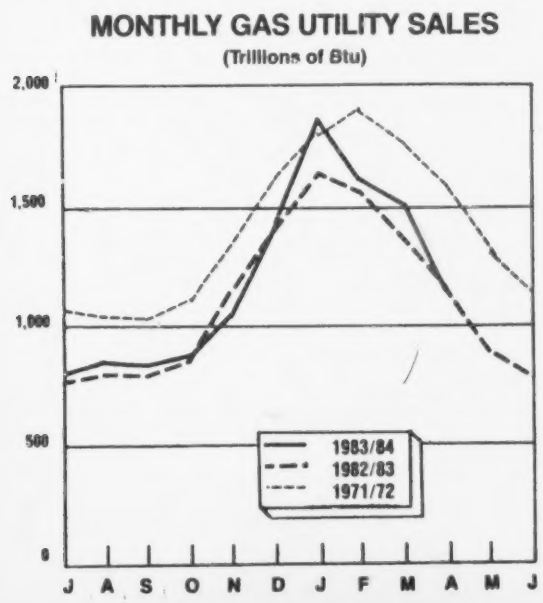
Residential sales and commercial sales declined while industrial sales showed an increase in April of 1984 compared to last year. Residential sales decreased 5.6 percent, commercial sales decreased 3.4 percent, and industrial sales increased 5.6 percent. Total sales were down 0.5 percent from 1189.9 trillion Btu in April 1983 to 1183.6 trillion Btu in April 1984.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

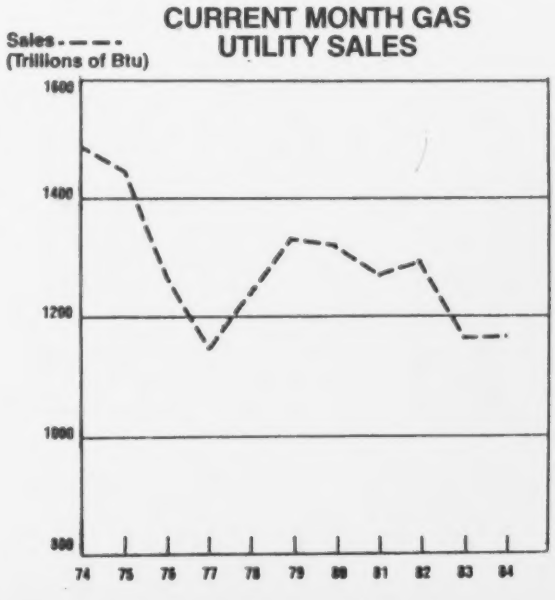
	April			Year to Date (% Change)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[2]	1984	Last Period	1984 Forecast[1]	1983P	% Change
Residential	439.3	465.3	- 5.6	2,653.4	+ 10.1	4,718.0	4,479.5	+ 5.3
Commercial	217.3	224.9	- 3.4	1,258.7	+ 9.3	2,433.8	2,319.2	+ 4.9
Industrial	514.3	487.1	+ 5.6	2,177.7	+ 7.4	6,284.0	6,134.4	+ 2.4
Other	12.7	12.6	-	69.5	-	158.7	149.1	-
Total	1,183.6	1,189.9	- 0.5	6,159.3	+ 8.9	13,594.5	13,082.2	+ 3.9
*Degree Days	384	430	- 10.7	4,409	+ 12.2			

*Source: (NOAA - weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for April is 352)

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.
PPreliminary data based on A.G.A. sample.



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

	April		
	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas	136.0	127.4	+ 6.8
Electric	237.0	200.7	+ 18.1
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	46.5	45.8	+ 1.5
Electric	203.2	190.0	+ 6.9
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	115.9	112.5	+ 3.0
Electric	31.8	27.0	+ 17.7
Oil	7.1	4.9	+ 45.0
Boilers			
Gas	8.3	8.4	- 0.7
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 19.4
Oil	5.1	6.0	- 15.0

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	April		
	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	154.2	138.8	+ 11.1
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	573.2	578.3	- 0.9
Electricity	338.9	319.9	+ 5.9
Fuel Oil	660.9	618.4	+ 6.9

SOURCES: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	76.7	77.1	- 0.5
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.80	5.79	+ 0.2
Commercial	5.43	5.48	- 0.9
Industrial	4.08	4.24	- 3.8
Total	4.99	5.10	- 2.2

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P]	5.06	5.82	5.41	4.32	4.83
1984 1st Qtr.	5.22	5.63	5.44	4.41	4.89

[P]Preliminary

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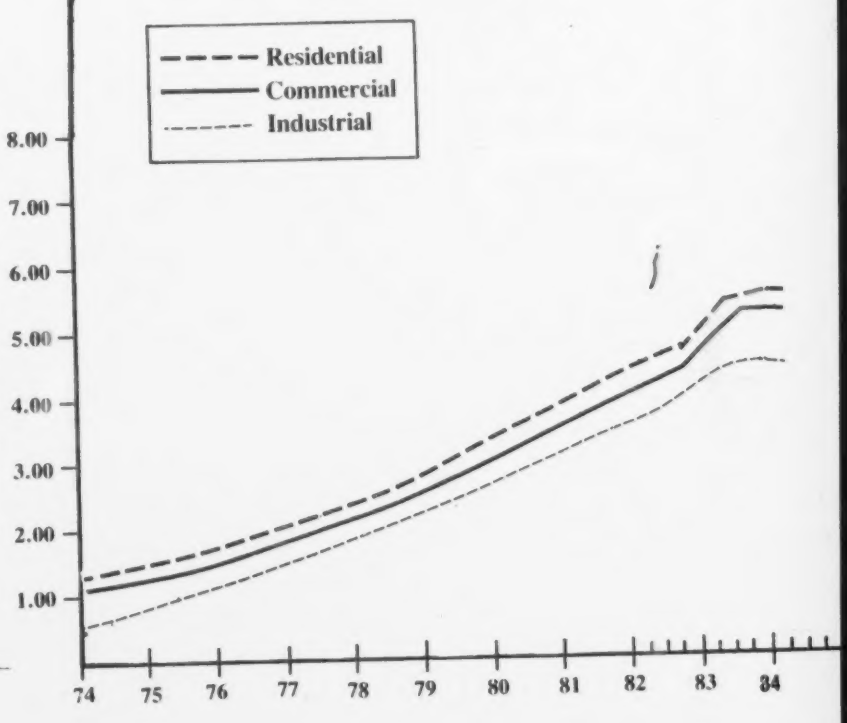

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[1]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.